

A DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CALL.

TO DECLARE FOR THE MORRISON BILL.

THE FREE TRADERS DETERMINED TO RULÉ-LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THEY CAN CONTROL THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—A call for a Democratic caucus on the Morrison bill will be issued to-morrow, and the caucus will be held on Tuesday night. It is understood that Mr. Randall was asked whether that time would be acceptable to him, and that he replied that Wednesday night would suit him better. Tuesday night was fixed, however, as the time. "The caucus will adopt a flat-footed declaration in favor of pushing the Morrison bill as a party measure, and I do not believe that twenty Democrats will be found to oppose it after the caucus resolution has been adopted," said a Democratic leader who is well informed in respect to the plans and purposes of the free traders. He does not think it will be practicable to modify the bill, except perhaps by dropping salt, coal and lumber from the proposed free list. The friends of the bill say it is only a "short stop" in the direction of tariff reform, and that if the Democrats carry the next election a much longer stride will be taken in the same direction.

TRYING TO MAKE THE DOSE LESS OFFENSIVE. And yet this "short stop" is so much too long for some of the Democrats in the House that it is understood the friends of the bill are engaged in a serious effort to curtail it, for the benefit of certain Democrats who have not yet reached the full stature of "tariff reformers." The bill is being handed around among these weak brethren, and each one is asked to indicate such changes and modifications as will be necessary before he can vote for it. It is pretty generally conceded that the bill cannot pass in its present form, even if a Democratic caucus shall propose it as a party measure. To pass it will require 168 Democratic votes, if none of the members is paired. It is said the friends of the measure have made a canvass, which shows that 108 votes cannot be carried by the bill as it is, and that the bill can be carried by a majority of from seven to ten votes if that be done. A Democrat who is opposed to the bill says free coal, salt and lumber will cost 6 Democratic votes in California, 3 each in Wisconsin, Michigan and West Virginia, and 4 in Maryland.

DEMOCRATS CARRY OPPOSITION. He also declares that even if the free list be reduced to the following-named Democrats will refuse to vote for the bill in any event: Messrs. Eaton and Seymour, of Connecticut; Spriggs, Wemple, Robinson, Van Alstyne, Beach, Arnot and Millard, of New York; Forrel, Fielder, McAdoo, of New Jersey; Randall, Elliott, Emmertout, Mather, Storm, Connolly, Post, Duncan, Curtin, Boyle, Hopkins and Patten, of Pennsylvania; Snyder, of West Virginia; Murray, Soney, Hill, Converse, Giddens, Warner, Wilkins, Paige and Fourn, of Ohio; Hunt and Shelby, of Alabama; Hart, Hunt and Lewis, of Louisiana; G. D. Wise, Harbort and Cabell, of Virginia; Lamb, of Indiana; Hurd, Tuley and Sumner, of California; and 36 Democrats carry opposition. The measure it cannot pass the House. If the caucus before given be correct there will be 46 Democratic votes against the bill.

THE RHODE ISLAND REPUBLICANS.

THE OLD TICKET RENOMINATED—SENATOR ANTHONY CONGRATULATED.

PROVIDENCE, March 20.—The Republican State Convention today was fully attended. The proceedings were more than commonplace; for the delegates were of one view, and had come there simply for the purpose of renominating the present State officers, and rejecting the State Central Committee. The chairman of the State Central Committee, William A. Pierce, of Johnston, in calling the convention to order, ridiculed the proposition to elect a new State Central Committee, and especially the hostile action of the Democrats in nominating Charles G. Wilbur, of Woonsocket, was elected chairman. The only difference of opinion that existed in the convention was the question of which set of delegates from the town of Warwick were orthodox. The convention voted the regular set and rejected the bolting or God-dard delegates. The chair urged harmony in a Presidential year.

A SPEECH BY GOVERNOR BOURN. The Governor was waited upon by a committee and returned with them and addressed the convention. He made a speech of a general character, congratulating the Republican party on the material progress of the country, and that more government officers are now appointed to office rather than political services. In a few minutes, he said, the people will be called upon to decide whether the country shall continue to go under a Republican administration for the next four years or under the uncertainty of a Democratic rule. He felt confident that Rhode Island will show no hesitancy at that time, and that the State election will prove a harbinger of success, as she has done in the past.

GOVERNOR WILBUR urged the delegates to endeavor to carry the State for the present nominees by the largest majority ever polled, and the convention adjourned. The party here has adopted a platform, and the delegates they both think practically alike on the tariff question. There is no issue between the parties in this State.

THE VIRGINIA BOURBOIS.

FOUGHTEN AT THE THIRTEENTH PARTY DIVISION IN CONGRESS ON THE TARIFF.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 20.—At a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee here today, it was resolved to call a convention to be held on May 14. The following resolutions were adopted: "That the Democratic State officers have observed with grave concern the division threatening the Democratic party of the country upon the tariff, and feel at liberty to express their opinion, individually, that the agitation of the question at this period is unwise and should be discouraged, and that all Democrats should subordinate all differences of opinion to the one great issue of reform of the government, and its restoration to purity and true constitutional principles." "That the State Committee earnestly urge the Virginia Democratic delegation in Congress to use all possible effort to bring before the House the bill for the reduction of the tariff, and that the committee authorize their chairman to retain the services of such counsel as he may deem necessary in the premises."

VERMONT FOR EDMUNDS.

COLONEL GEORGE W. HOOKER THINKS THE SENATOR COULD CARRY NEW-YORK.

BOSTON, March 20.—The Vermont correspondent of *The Journal* recently met Colonel George W. Hooker, a member of the Republican National Committee. The Colonel is an enthusiastic advocate of the nomination of Edmunds and Lincoln at Chicago. He believes the Republicans of New-York could be united on Edmunds, and that he would carry the Empire State. The Vermont delegation to the Chicago Convention has secured twelve commodious rooms at the Palmer House, which will be the headquarters for the Green Mountain boys during the National Convention. Colonel Hooker has been urged to be one of the delegates, but positively declines to allow the use of his name. The Republican State Convention has been called at Montpelier, on Wednesday, April 30, to elect delegates. The Convention will consist of 715 members.

THE CINCINNATI REPUBLICANS.

CINCINNATI, March 20.—The Republican City Convention held here today. J. B. Foraker was chosen temporary chairman and later W. H. Taft permanent chairman. The following nominations were made: Board of Public Works—Henry Kern, Judge of Superior Court—Fred W. Moore, Clerk of Police Court—George Richards, Director of City Infirmary—Henry Lacy.

DELEGATES FROM WESTCHESTER.

In the 13th Congressional District, consisting of Westchester County and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards of New-York, an active canvass is going on in regard to the election of delegates to the Chicago Convention. Of the two delegates from the district it is probable that Collector Robertson will be one. George W. Parsons, who lives in the western part of the district, is named as a possible delegate, and the name of ex-County Judge Bliss is also mentioned. There is a little opposition to the election of Judge Robertson, owing to the stand that he took in 1880 on the "union rule," but it is believed that his election will be nearly unanimous.

CHAUTAUQUA WANTS BLAINE FOR PRESIDENT.

JAMESTOWN, March 20.—Interviews with leading Republican merchants, manufacturers and business men of Jamestown in regard to the Republican nomination for the Presidency, are published in the *Journal* today. They reveal the fact that Blaine is generally regarded as the strongest candidate. Arthur has a small following. Lincoln is almost unanimously named for Vice-President.

ONE MORE DELEGATE FOR RANDALL.

MEDIA, Penn., March 20.—The Democrats of Delaware County, today elected Dr. J. L. Forwood delegate to the National Convention and instructed for Randall for President.

A SENSATION IN COURT.

AN IMPORTANT WITNESS IN THE GREENING MURDER TRIAL ABRUPTLY RECALLED.

MILFORD, March 20.—In the Greening murder trial today several witnesses were introduced to prove that the murder had been committed and shown evidence. The most important witness was Benjamin J. His testimony caused a great sensation. He testified: "I lived with Jerry Greening at the time of the murder. That morning he sent me over to John Greening's after some wine, to take to Milford for sale. On the way over, I passed Cheever's place, and saw the body lying in the yard. I had done it, because he had trouble with Cheever." On cross-examination, he contradicted himself and got in a complete muddle, and jumped up and exclaimed, "Gentlemen, I am afraid I've got myself in a bad way." This statement caused much excitement. As soon as order was restored the witness began to testify. "There have been many here, they have been trying to get me into trouble," he confessed that his testimony regarding the murder was false, and said he had been told to tell that story by Joseph A. Sandford, Cheever's uncle, who promised to take him to Boston and give him a new suit of clothes if he would tell him who did the shooting. He said his testimony before the coroner's jury was all false.

On the direct examination, he said Sandford only asked him to tell the truth in regard to the shooting, and that he meant for him to say John Greening did it. He contradicted and contradicted himself, and at last said, "Gentlemen, you've got me badly mixed up."

SPRING PRICES FOR COAL.

THE READING COMPANY'S NEW CIRCULAR—THE TRADE DISSATISFIED.

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